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§10:131-2.1 State child welfare services permanency planning

Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 671, mandates that specific goals be established by State law before October 1st for each fiscal year as to the maximum number of Title IV-E eligible children who will remain in foster care for more than 24 months. This requirement is consistent with the intent of the legislation to improve services provided to children and their families, therefore reducing the number of children removed from their families and increasing the number of children returned to their families from out-of-home placement. This requirement is also consistent with the goal of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, under N.J.S.A. 30:4C-1 et seq., to provide all children with permanency planning, therefore minimizing the number of children in temporary out-of-home placement.